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IN 1915 the question of equal suffrage is to be put to vote in New York State, and we have exactly two years in which to do all the educational work necessary for the winning of our cause.

The time is short, but we must win, and we shall do so only by the hard work and devoted service of all of those who have faith in womanhood, and who care for the principle of democratic government.

It is a woman's fight that is being fought, and though we shall have the help of men, we must win it for ourselves. No other group can do the work for us, and the spiritual significance of this great movement would be lacking, were we not eager to work and to sacrifice for it.

It is a sacrifice for most women to play the parts which are necessary in the present campaign. It takes courage to hold street meetings, parades, and all the forms of advertising which are necessary in this present day to keep the subject continually before the people. But we are learning the things that women need to know, and when we win our vote, we shall use it the better because of our struggle. The elimination of the personal element in work, the wider outlook on life, and the ability to stand together for a principle are great lessons for us to learn.

But it is to the end of the campaign that we are looking, for it is our desire to get at those things which women want to do with the ballot. We want to express our needs as women, for the protection of our homes; as workers, for a share in the control of the conditions of industry. We want to remedy those evils which our womanhood resents, and we want to use our constructive forces to the end that government may really serve human needs.

This is the vision of service before us, and we do not shrink from the labor and responsibility involved, knowing that without this instrument in our hands, we cannot continue to perform those duties which have always belonged to us.

HERE in New York State is the heart of the struggle. To win the vote here means swift and certain victory for all other States, but we must strain every nerve to accomplish this in two years' time. Nowhere else are the forces of evil more triumphantly enthroned, and every one of these forces of evil is opposed to equal suffrage. They feel no uncertainty as to the effect which women's enfranchisement will have upon their business. The nature and character of the really powerful enemies of suffrage should be a great endorsement for our cause, with all who are working for good government, but in New York State it means that we are working against great odds. The great controlling political machines are against us, and in Manhattan it will take devoted and untiring work to reduce the adverse vote to the necessary minimum. We have more freedom in Brooklyn Borough and so more hope, but it is a great field to cover and we cannot waste a day.

It is to the State at large that we look for a true expression of the will of the people, and it is of supreme importance that we should have volunteers to send out into the country towns and villages to present the subject of woman suffrage to those who have not yet considered it seriously.

We need more workers and new workers; we need the active help of all who believe in our cause in whatever place they find themselves. We call on all mothers, who care not only for their own children, but for all children; we call on the wage-earning women, who need to control the conditions of their labor; we call on those women of leisure who prefer justice to privilege, and on those men who regard women neither as slaves nor as ornaments, but as comrades and true helpmeets.

Let us stand together and let us fight this good fight with enthusiasm and courage, with patience and persistence, keeping faith with that high ideal of womanhood and of citizenship which we have set before us.

ETHEL E. DREIER.

# NEWS OF THE MONTH

### SUFFRAGE TOUCHES THE ARTIC CIRCLE

WOMAN Suffrage has now penetrated the far North, and the women of Iceland will have full citizenship. Since 1882 they have had a limited municipal franchise which was so widened in 1910 that tax paying women, whether married or unmarried, have had the franchise and eligibility for election to all governing boards except the Althing or Icelandic Parliament.

As in New York State the suffrage amendment had to pass two successive legislative bodies. The bill passed in 1911 but became tangled with other problems in the session of 1912. In order to make amends to the women the government sent two women delegates to the International Convention at Budapest at public expense.

During the convention the delegates reported some uncertainty as to whether the suffrage bill would come before the Althing of 1913, thus there is surprise and rejoicing over such a speedy victory. The bill must be signed by the King of Denmark, for all matters affecting the Constitution of Iceland are subject to Danish approval. There is little doubt, however, that he will refuse to comply with the desire of the citizens of Iceland. When the bill becomes law it will enfranchise about 25,000 women.

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### DENMARK WILL FOLLOW.

On the 17th of September a Government Reform Bill which includes woman suffrage on equal terms with men was introduced in the Danish Parliament. The women of Denmark now have the municipal franchise, but the new law, like that which recently passed in Norway, will give them full citizenship.

*Countries which now have woman suffrage are New Zealand, Australia, Finland, Norway and Iceland* (as soon as bill is signed by the King).

*In the United States, Wyoming, Colorado. Idaho, Utah, Washington, California, Oregon, Kansas, Arizonia, Alaska and Illinois have enfranchised women.*

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### A VICTORY IN CANADA.

Calgary, a town in the province of Alberta, has amended its charter so as to give the franchise to adult women, subject to the same qualification as men—that of being able to read from one of the primers used in the public school.

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### SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

It is sometimes difficult to determine whether magazines mould public opinion or follow it. In the case of *Life*, however, we are not uncertain. Those who remember the redoubtable "Lydia Jawbones" and the stupid, neglected husband, empty cradle, female warrior jokes which were aimed at suffrage will be interested in the Pro-Suffrage issue of October 16th. It is a good number, with splendid drawings, cartoons and material relating to woman suffrage. Now that *Life* has caught up with this century we dare hope that the *Ladies' Home Journal* will become a magazine of contemporary interest. It is a curious coincidence that the two standard humorous magazines should form the minority of Anti-suffrage publications.

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### WOMEN VOTERS VOTE.

According to a statement of the Secretary of State of California, the vote of 1912 was 313,883 greater than that of 1910, which was the year of the enfranchisement of women. Although there is no way of ascertaining the separate vote of women, this fact is significant. Commenting on these suffrage statistics the New York *Sun* said:

> The largest women's vote in the cities was cast in precincts where prosperous business and professional people live. In Butte County, a mining and agricultural community, more women than men were registered. These statistics are coldly official and serve to upset the antagonistic theory that women would not vote if given the right. They also show that it is the better class of women who are voting. The adverse arguments that have heretofore been urged are not proof against facts developed by experience.

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## SUCCESS NEAR IN NEW JERSEY.

ON the 25th of October the women of New Jersey marched for suffrage. They are now confident of getting their bill through the Legislature, for every political party in the State has endorsed it. This means submission of the referendum on suffrage to the voters in 1915 and a campaign in New Jersey simultaneously with one in New York and Pennsylvania.

The suffrage bill has had many vicissitudes in our neighboring State. Either through gross inefficiency or wilful political trickery it was pigeon-holed after a successful passage through the Legislature last year, and thus was not published in each of the counties prior to the election. Later, flaws were found in its constitutionality because no record of the votes of legislators was made and it was permanently side-tracked. There is no danger of a similar fate of the new bill, for public interest is aroused and the suffrage organizations will be on guard.

The fact that New Jersey women were the first women voters in the United States adds interest to the campaign. After the Revolution they were given the franchise, which was later taken away from them.

# THE SPIRIT OF THE PARADE

BY

MRS. FRANK H. COTHREN.

SHE stood on the very edge of the curb close beside me, a child of seven or eight, watching very eagerly and intently the waving flags and the gay costumes of the procession. And as the music started again, and the women swung into line down the Avenue, I saw her suddenly wipe the tears from her eyes with the back of her grimy little hand. She was doing it surreptitiously, but there was no mistaking the tears, and I leaned down and asked what was the matter. In a simple, childishly direct but rather a shamefaced way she looked up and replied, "The Parade makes me cry."

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BROOKLYN has long been noted as the city of homes, but to suffragists it is famous as the city where the first woman's suffrage society of the United States was formed. It was in May, 1869, at the home of Mrs. Anna Field, on Brooklyn Heights, that the first seeds were planted which have spread throughout the country, and ripened into fruit in ten States and one Territory. The Brooklyn Woman Suffrage Association set in motion forty-four years ago the machinery which must finally bring about a real democracy in every State and Territory in our Union.

During these years the propaganda of woman suffrage has been spreading, increasing steadily in power and effect, until now we have in Brooklyn four large suffrage associations, the Woman Suffrage Party, the King's County Suffrage Association, the Woman's Political Union, the Men's League for Suffrage, and innumerable smaller ones. In every section, in every Assembly District, in every block, there are members of suffrage organizations, and in the Woman Suffrage Party alone in Brooklyn there are over 12,000 enrolled members. The gospel of "Votes for Women" has been preached from the street corner, from the church, from the home—it has been written, it has been spoken.

Now in the year 1913, as another year's work began, with its need for added inspiration and renewed dedication of personal service, the Woman Suffrage Party believed that the time for the first Brooklyn parade had come. It believed that the best foundation for the 1915 campaign could be laid in the human appeal. It believed that prejudice and ignorance could best be overcome by the spirit of the parade itself—the spirit that is unconquerable and appeals directly to the human heart, the spirit of solidarity and courage. With the co-operation of the other Brooklyn societies the parade has become a reality.

The spirit of the Parade? Look at the marchers! Women from department stores, from that army 20,000 strong, in New York City. They have asked for a living wage, and they have received instead "welfare work," games on the roof of the store, the services of a chiropodist free. Women from factories, with work-house sentences to their credit because they have dared to strike for hours of work commensurate with human endurance. Women from offices are there; women from kitchens; and when we have become perfectly fearless and honest, we will have the "women of the street" there, too.

The spirit of the Parade? Among the marchers are women teachers from those 12,000 who are performing a social service of untold value to the city and the nation. Yet to-day men are turning some of them out of the schools as if they were guilty of an unspeakable crime, because

after remaking numberless little strangers into our friends and fellow citizens, after teaching other people's children for ten, twelve and eighteen years they have been "guilty" of having children of their own. Here are women from the hospitals, women from the stage, women physicians, women from the law courts, and women from the settlement houses.

The spirit of the Parade? The woman who never receives a pay envelope, she is there too. She works early and late. She is nurse, teacher, factory worker, wife and mother, all combined in one small human frame. She comes from the tenement, she comes from the furnished room, she comes from her own little house, but the thing to remember is that those four small walls have not held her back. Here she is! She has learned that even a superwoman cannot remain within four walls, and control conditions outside of them. She has learned that her work and care of years may be all undone in one short day outside of the home. Mothers and wives and daughters of leisure, of culture and of wealth are there, too, asking that they may be allowed to contribute to the welfare of the State. Women are there from foreign countries, from foreign States, from the North, from the South, from the East and from the West.

These women are not bound together by creed, nor by nationality, nor by social tie, nor by political affiliation, nor by economic interest. Yet the spirit of solidarity weaves itself through the whole mass, binding it and strengthening it. And the spirit of courage glorifies it. The spirit of courage, which brings women out from their accustomed paths into the bright light of the public's gaze, which makes them stand up and be counted. It is the spirit of courage which begets more courage. If there are doubts, if there are faint hearts when the procession starts, there are none when it ends. And the passer-by, who comes to scoff, stops to think. The spirit of the Parade appeals to his higher emotions. It is big and broad, it makes the direct human appeal.

Galsworthy, in that exquisite bit of prose in *The Inn of Tranquillity* called "The Procession," describes a parade of working women and says: "I seem to see over every ragged head of those marching women a little yellow flame, a thin flickering gleam spiring upward. A trick of the sunlight may be? Or was it the life in their hearts had for a moment escaped prison, and was fluttering at the pleasure of the breeze?" So it is that the spirit of solidarity and courage, the spirit of the Parade, seems to flutter over those who march for "Votes for Women." And you may write with the beauty of Pater or with the force of Milton, you may speak with the power of Wendell Phillips, telling of the multitudes who believe in woman suffrage, but you can never make the appeal, you can never vizualize the suffrage movement as can those marching women. The poorest, the humblest, the least learned, the richest, the proudest, and the most cultured, they are all there with the same spirit. Fellow suffragists! the spirit of the Parade is so real that it appeals mysteriously and unconsciously even to the Little Child on the Curb.

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# FAIR FIELD FOR BATTLE

BY

## LOUIS HEATON PINK

YOU can't tell what Kings will do.

It is free soil.

A large independent vote swings the county now into the Republican column and then back under the star.

Why did Croker oppose consolidation?

He knew that Tammany could not hold Brooklyn in the hollow of its hand, as for more than a century it has Manhattan. He knew that while some districts are invariably Republican, and others three and four to one Democratic, the independent vote controls.

Kings is the hope of suffrage in 1915. Manhattan is almost certain to vote against the amendment. The machines of both the old parties are against the woman's vote. Progressive voters of all parties are for it. In Kings the independent vote controls.

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IN the early days Brooklyn was a Republican city. During the last thirty years it has been fair battling ground for all comers.

In 1881 Seth Low was elected Mayor over the Democrat, James Howell, by a plurality of almost 5,000. He was re-elected two years later, though by a reduced vote. In 1885 the pendulum swung the other way; D. D. Whitney, the Democratic candidate, defeated Catlin by a plurality larger than Low's.

The same year Brooklyn gave a plurality of ten thousand for David B. Hill, who as Lieutenant Governor had so ably seconded the admirable administration of Grover Cleveland at Albany. Two years later the talented, magnetic young Democrat, Alfred C. Chapin, was swept into office, only to disgrace himself and the Democratic ring in the notorious water scandal. The champion of the people was a young lawyer, William J. Gaynor, who spent his own money in setting aside the fraudulent contracts in the courts. Chapin had two terms. It was not until his second that scandal reached out its hand and marked him for disgrace.

In 1891 David A. Boody defeated the Republican, Meyer, by eight thousand. A year later Brooklyn gave Cleveland 30,000 more votes than Harrison for the Presidency. At the same time the corrupt Democratic political judge, Isaac N. Maynard, was beaten by Judge Bartlett, by over 20,000. In 1893, disgusted by the antics of John Y. McKane, the Gravesend Sunday-School Superintendent, who registered 6,218 names out of a total population of less than 10,000, and voted them as his interests dictated, the 30,000 Democratic plurality was changed to a Republican plurality of 30,000 for Charles A. Schieren. In 1895 the large Schieren plurality was cut to 2,000 and Frederic W. Wurster barely slipped in over Edward M. Grout. The election was contested; many felt that Grout was really the popular choice, but Wurster's election was upheld. He was the last Mayor of Brooklyn.

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THE first election after consolidation, 1897, was complex. Brooklyn had a chance to show her independence and did so. Seth Low, who had made an excellent Mayor of Brooklyn and was then President of Columbia, was selected by the Citizens' Union and the independent civic organizations. It was expected that he would be endorsed by the Republican organization. But Boss Platt did not own him, and preferred to take his chances with Tammany. Benjamin F. Tracey was nominated on a straight Republican ticket. Tammany, knowing that it could elect its candidate no matter who, selected Robert A. Van Wyck, of ice trust fame, and Henry George ran independently. Van Wyck got 76,185 votes in Brooklyn, Tracey polled only 37,611, though two years before the Republican vote had been over 77,000. Low, on the Citizens' Union ticket, with no regular party behind him, got 65,657 votes, George hardly 7,000. Manhattan, firm in the grip of Tammany, gave Van Wyck 143,666, and Low 77,210.

Kings gave Roosevelt more than 25,000 plurality over Van Wyck in the race for Governor in 1898. In the next municipal campaign, 1901, there was complete fusion of the anti-Tammany forces. Brooklyn gave Low 114,625 votes to 88,856 for Edward M. Shepard.

In 1903, Manhattan gave McClellen 55,000 more votes than Low; in Brooklyn they ran neck and neck. In 1905, Hearst, the candidate of the Municipal Ownership League, ran 16,000 ahead of McClellen and 23,000 ahead of Ivins. In Manhattan Tammany held the fort for McClellen and barely saved the day.

In 1909 Gaynor ran 18,000 ahead of Bannard; and Hearst, whom Brooklyn had almost elected at the previous election, ran a poor third. In Manhattan he was second.

With more recent history we are all familiar.

The statement *"you can't tell what Kings will do"* is no idle boast. It is proved by the votes.

The suffrage leaders have something to work for. Kings is the tail to no dog. It wags, but it thinks before it wags. The large body of independent citizens will be controlled by judgment and conscience. The campaign of education should continue with full vigor from now to the day of the counting of the votes.

# THE YEAR IN BROOKLYN

BY

## ETHEL EAMES SANDERSON.

THE past year has been one of surprising growth for the Woman Suffrage Party in Brooklyn. Up to November, 1912, we had no Brooklyn headquarters and only twelve Assembly Districts organized. About a year ago Brooklyn suffragists started with increased activity to prepare for the 1915 campaign. Let us see what has been done.

The Woman Suffrage Party secured the second floor of 27 Lafayette Avenue for its headquarters, and this office has been the scene of ever-increasing activity. The party now has over 12,000 enrollments in Brooklyn, with hundreds of new names coming in every month. The twenty-three Assembly Districts of the Borough are all fully organized and actively at work. Each one is carrying on a systematic campaign of meetings and distribution of literature, the weaker districts being helped in their organization work from headquarters, the stronger ones forging ahead with ever-increasing energy.

Since October, 1912, Mrs. H. Edward Dreier has held the office of Borough Chairman, and under her able leadership the work has grown steadily and splendidly. With her, Mrs. Frank H. Cothren as Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Fred. L. Cranford as Treasurer, Miss Anna M. Wilbur Recording Secretary, and Mrs. Wm. C. Maclin Corresponding Secretary, form a strong staff of Borough officers.

FROM February to June the Borough was fortunate in having the services of Mrs. Helen Hoy Greeley as Field Secretary. She did much to organize and systematize the work, in cooperation with the district leaders. Mrs. Greeley also conducted a most successful class for suffrage workers, in which public speaking and parliamentary law were taught. This class was so popular that it had an enrollment of fifty pupils, and a waiting list. At the close of its sessions it held in May a successful public meeting in the Music Hall of the Academy of Music, where Beatrice Forbes-Robertson Hale and Rev. John Howard Melish were the speakers.

Mrs. Barker, as Chairman of the Organization Committee for the Borough, has been tireless in her work; she helped to organize eleven new districts, and has been constantly occupied getting up street meetings throughout the Borough.

BEFORE the Parade in Manhattan in November, 1912, booths were opened for a week in several of the department stores of Brooklyn; where quantities of enrollments were secured, and a great deal of literature given out. As a result, Brooklyn had seven hundred marchers in the Parade.

Before the May Parade booths were again opened in nine department stores, and still greater success was achieved with enrollments and literature. Over nine hundred Brooklyn women marched with the Woman Suffrage Party in this Parade, three hundred going over together in a special train in the subway.

A booth was also opened at the Automobile Show in the 23rd Regiment Armory during the spring, which attracted much attention.

It was the success of all these ventures that inspired the Brooklyn women to plan their own big Parade for November first, inviting all the suffrage societies of Manhattan and Long Island to cooperate. The response has been most encouraging.

ON June first the summer campaign was opened in Brooklyn with a parade of nineteen automobiles, which separated at the end of the afternoon for street meetings in different parts of the Borough. This inaugurated a summer of great activity, open-air meetings being held almost daily, and especially at Coney Island.

Up to January twenty-five meetings had been held since October in Brooklyn. After that meetings were held with such frequency in all districts it has been impossible to adequately record the number, as many districts plan and carry out their own activities without relying on headquarters. In June sixty-nine street meetings were held, with an increase in membership of 784. In July there were seventy-two street meetings, with 392 new members. This will give some idea of the constant activities.

On January ninth a large and successful meeting, at which Mrs. Dreier presided, was held in the Opera House of the Academy of Music. The speakers were Mrs. Carrie C. Catt, Reverend Anna Shaw and Max Eastman. Twenty-five hundred people were present, and overflow meetings were held outside. The sum of $3,000 was raised at this meeting for the work of the Woman Suffrage Party in Brooklyn.

The First Assembly District organized a meeting in February, also in the Opera House of the Academy of Music, at which Mrs. Philip Snowden spoke on the situation in Great Britain. At this meeting 1,600 were present.

For one week before the May Parade, successful noon meetings were held on the steps of Borough Hall daily, with different speakers, and the Voiceless Speech was used to good effect. Meetings at this same place have been held twice a week up to the present time.

AT the Borough Convention on January 21, 180 delegates from Brooklyn were present, who with their alternates made 300 duly elected representatives from the twenty-three Assembly Districts of the Borough.

At the time of the big strike, last winter, the Woman Suffrage Party, wishing to show that it meant what it claimed in standing for justice to the working girl, took an active part in helping the strikers. In some districts all other work was for the time abandoned, while members came to the rescue of the suffering workers, opening lunch-rooms for them, and helping to protect them from the ever-eager cadets who attempted to prey upon the hungry and discouraged girls. Through the efforts of the Party, considerable money was raised to help tide over this time of distress for the unfortunate workers, until the strike was settled.

Press work has greatly increased during the year. In fact, it has grown from almost nothing to constant and systematic newspaper notice. Suffragists realize how necessary this part of the work is, and they have tabulated the thirty-five Brooklyn publications and kept each supplied with suffrage news, letters and articles every week and oftener.

REALIZING the value of college women as suffrage workers, the Woman Suffrage Party has organized a "College Group," which meets every Sunday afternoon at Headquarters, from 3.30 to 6 o'clock, the meetings being addressed by eminent speakers on topics of social and educational interest.

Brooklyn is fortunate in having as Executive Secretary for the Woman Suffrage Party, Miss Eldred Johnstone, who, since June first, has done most efficient work. At Headquarters, a brisk trade is carried on in suffrage literature, flowers, postcards, buttons, stationery and soap.

Miss Klatschken has done splendid work in Brooklyn, speaking constantly and helping to organize such districts as the 13th and 14th, and the 19th and 20th.

Last spring, a Men's League for Woman Suffrage was started in Brooklyn, as a branch of the New York Men's League, and the Rev. John Howard Melish was elected President.

The yearly budget of the Brooklyn work of the Woman Suffrage Party for 1913 is $2,500, and when one considers the progress and amount of work done, this seems moderate.

In many ways, it would be better to have a more central location for Headquarters, such as Fulton or Livingston street, in the midst of the shopping district. But the increased rent would be considerable.

Plans for the coming year include many new activities. It is hoped to hold a Suffrage Training School similar to the one recently so successfully organized in Manhattan by Mrs. Catt.

The Woman Suffrage Party in Brooklyn is eager and ready to do its share in the campaign for 1915.

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**WOMEN VOTERS IN THE UNITED STATES.**

Oregon has had equal suffrage since November, and already some of the results have been:

A Mothers' Pension Bill, a minimum wage for women, a Pure Milk Bill, a law for the protection of deserted wives, the introduction of a marriage health certificate, the shortening of the hours of shop assistants.

—*Jus Suffragii.*

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A WELL-KNOWN university professor who has taken much interest in the woman's suffrage movement, was persuaded to carry a banner in a parade that was held in New York some months ago.

His wife observed him marching with a dejected air and carrying his banner so that it hung limply on its standard, and later she reproved him for not making a better appearance.

"Why didn't you march like somebody, and let people see your banner?" she said.

"My dear," meekly replied the professor, "did you see what was on the banner? It read, 'Any man can vote. Why can't I?'"—*Youth's Companion.*

# BROOKLYN STANDS FOR VICTORY!

## TOWNSEND SCUDDER,

### Justice of Supreme Court, State of New York.

I FAVOR woman suffrage because I believe it will promote better womanhood, bring woman into closer touch with the world, broaden and strengthen her mentally, and make her more serviceable in all branches of life's work. I do not expect the millenium to come with woman suffrage, but man will benefit because he will have for a mother a woman better equipped mentally through her study of public questions, made necessary to exercise the duty of suffrage, and through the responsibilities suffrage will impose upon her.

Such a mother will be a closer companion to her sons; she will have more in common with them, and her influence over them, growing out of her companionship with them, will be more effective. The same will be true of the relationship between husband and wife.

In my judgment, woman will benefit directly from suffrage, man indirectly, but both will benefit, and I therefore favor it.

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## GEORGE FOSTER PEABODY,

### Ex-President of Men's League for Equal Suffrage.

I BELIEVE that the cause is the most vital issue now before the people and wish that I might be free to devote a good portion of my time to presenting the issue to the voters of New York State.

I think the only means which will be effective to maintain a really rational and true sentiment of chivalry on the part of men is to recognize the full quality of woman's mind, heart and ambition by making sure her equal responsibility in the functions of government. Any other course is a denial of democracy.

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## HERBERT N. WARBASSE,

### District Attorney, Brooklyn.

I FAVOR suffrage for American women because I believe in American women. They constitute the greatest force we have for political purity and social justice. Women can help men and men need their help.

Men have no monopoly in righteousness or wisdom. The notion that men should do all the voting is fast going to its eternal resting place in its political garret with its divine right of kings. In our great independence document we declare that "governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed." Are our women not governed? Are our women not people and human beings?

"Triangle" fires and "General Slocum" disasters are caused by the wicked sloth of society in protecting women. If men were voteless how long would they remain passive under a government by women which drowned them and burned them to death by the hundreds? Should not women have something to say as to who shall pass and who shall enforce laws for their protection? If the workingman were to-day deprived of his ballot and his union he would be thrust back two centuries. Under our present individualistic civilization woman, and especially the working woman, needs every means of self-help and protection which can be placed in her hands.

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## CANON WILLIAM SHEAFE CHASE,

### Protestant Episcopal Church.

I BELIEVE that the public welfare would be bettered if women voted.

Because the community would be conducted with a larger amount of woman's influence than at present, and therefore questions would be determined less as to their effects upon business and more as to their ultimate results upon the welfare of the child.

Because it would give to women the educational influence of a larger sense of responsibility for the welfare of the whole community.

It would unite husbands and wives, giving them larger interests in common in which they could work together, and concerning which they could converse and plan.

Thus the home and the child would reap a large benefit by placing upon women's minds a sense of responsibility for the political welfare of the community.

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## JOHN HOWARD MELISH,

### Rector of Holy Trinity Church.

WOMEN will get the suffrage in all probability long before a majority of them want it. The democratic movement demands that they ought to have it whether or not they want it. If women can give something to the community through suffrage which men are unable to give, then the community lays upon woman the social obligation of the ballot. Women have as keen a social conscience as men; they are not shirkers; they are willing to put themselves out for the sake of duty. When the couutry says to woman "Thou must," woman will reply, "I can."

## ROBERT BAKER,
### Ex-Congressman.

Women equally with men are human beings. Each individual man or woman must work out individual salvation. No one can live another's life. The right of free, full, untrammelled, self-expression inheres in all. No one has any moral right to obstruct, hinder, curtail, or interfere with another's development. Development, i. e., progress towards the ideal man, and, therefore, towards the ideal State, can only take place where all have equal opportunities. The use or non-use of them concerns the individual. Except as any curtailment of individual liberty controls all alike, being for the common good, as for instance, the requirement that all going in the same direction shall drive on the same side of the road, society no more than individuals has any right to curtail, limit, restrict or restrain individual development. To curtail or restrict the equal freedom of action of any member of the community is to violate that individual's equal inalienable right of self-expression.

The ballot is a right, not a privilege. It is the agency through which individual expression is had as to all things collective. Obviously for any person or combination of persons to obstruct—even by statutory enactment—the equal exercise of the suffrage is tyranny. Legislative enactment is not essential to the establishment of tyranny. Tyranny exists wherever and whenever one human will is imposed upon another's. This enthrones tyranny, dethrones democracy—equal rights, equal opportunities, equal powers. Like all tyranny it is a two-edged sword, harmful alike to him who wields it as to him or her against whom it is exerted. It breeds despots and sycophants. It makes men as lop-sided in their association with women as it makes women lop-sided in their relations with men.

A normal society can only exist where all are secured in their equal right of self-expression. So a normal home is possible only where both the woman and the man consciously possess their own individual right of self-expression upon all subjects affecting the life of all.

True government is the mechanism, the avenue through which this collective expression is effected. Like all streams it can never rise higher than its source. It will be a warped, prejudiced, misguided, abnormal, inaccurate, untrue expression—as we see it manifested to-day—so long as artificial barriers obstruct the inalienable right of any to such expression.

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## MARY H. LOINES,
### President of the Brooklyn Woman Suffrage Association.

I BELIEVE in woman suffrage, because I believe in democracy—the government of the people—not half of the people. Because government like the family should be composed of male and female elements to make a perfect whole. A man-made government cannot represent women fully any more than a government of women with the best intentions could represent all the interests of men.

I believe in women suffrage because my veins are filled with the blood of Pilgrim forefathers and foremothers.

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## REV. JOHN HAYNES HOLMES,
### Pastor, Church of the Messiah.

I BELIEVE in woman suffrage, first, from the negative point of view, because sex has no more to do with suffrage than the color of one's skin or the size of one's feet. If anyone must be disfranchised, it must be for a reason which has some connection with the question involved.

Secondly, from the positive point of view, because, ideally, I believe in democracy, which includes all the people, Jew and Gentile, black and white, men and women, and practically, because women need the suffrage for their larger development, and the State needs the women for its preservation.

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## RAYMOND V. INGERSOLL.

WOMAN should have full citizenship both because of those human needs and qualities which they have in common with men and because those in which they differ from men must have free and fair expression in any well-rounded State.

A fully developed democracy cannot come with a restricted citizenship. All must be encouraged and must encourage each other to take a broad and intelligent interest in common problems. The present deepening and vitalizing of the currents of public life is coincident with the greatly increased activity of women. Both changes are profoundly wholesome and each helps the other.

The ballot is a righter of wrongs. There never can be too many ballots cast for the right.

Man owes much to women, but the greatest unpaid debt is suffrage.

If unrestricted suffrage is an evil, why include unfit men and exclude respectable, home-loving women?

Women are not seeking the ballot as a privilege, but as a patriotic duty.

If womanhood is so sacred that the ballot is likely to destroy it, why trust the manhood of so many boys just reaching twenty-one with so dangerous a weapon?

No good reason has ever been presented as an argument against woman suffrage.

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## FRED WILLIAM HEINRICH.

I HAVE always recognized the fact that the greatest organization in the world is the home; not alone is it the greatest organization, but also the most complicated to manage; and she who

has presided over the destinies of the home life is woman, and if she has successfully demonstrated her ability to manage this, the greatest organization in the world, surely she is well qualified to assume the responsibilities attached to the franchise.

## DR. EDWIN LIEBFRED.

THIS country regards women as citizens and then refuses to grant them the greatest right of citizenship—suffrage.

True democracy includes all citizens—not some.

If women help to constitute a nation, why exclude them from a voice and representation in its government?

If God trusted women with the responsibility of bearing children, men can well afford to trust them with the responsibility of the ballot for the protection of the homes of these children.

Sex is a matter of chance; suffrage is a matter of right.

## KATE UPSON CLARK.

SOME of the reasons why I think women should vote are: First: Because justice demands that those who have to obey the laws should have a voice in the making of those laws. Second: Because woman's vote will give more power to the things in which women are particularly interested—education, temperance, religion, the home, the child, the unfortunate, the defective, and, especially, international peace. Third: Because women are people, and this is supposed to be a government of the people, by the people, for the people. Fourth: Because most of the ablest citizens that we have had, and possess to-day, have approved it, and I value their judgment—such as Abraham Lincoln, James Russell Lowell, J. G. Whittier, Wendell Phillips, W. L. Garrison, H. W. Beecher, S. B. Anthony, Lucy Stone, Alice Freeman Palmer, Frances E. Willard, Jane Addams.

### HOW WOMAN SUFFRAGE WORKS.

In an editorial of October 2nd, the *Pittsburgh Telegraph* says that the eminent English journalist, Lord Northcliffe, is not a keen student of politics when he asserts that giving the franchise to women would lead to men being dominated by women. The editorial proceeds:

"To get light in this regard, the eminent British publisher will do well to study the conditions developed in those of our American States, where women enjoy the suffrage and where, he will find, not only is there no injurious domination of one sex over the other, but the use of the ballot by women tends to raise the standard of public service, irrespective of sex difference. Admit the women of England to the use of the ballot and it is safe to predict that the great majority of them will be found capable of using the privileges of citizenship sanely and with due regard for the rights of the men. Such has been the effect of woman suffrage in America, and it is because it works out in this way that the old-time bitter opposition thereto has practically disappeared, and even the States in which the spirit of conservatism is strongest are fast yielding to the necessity of giving to woman her due meed of recognition as a citizen."

*Through the kindness of Mrs. Katherine Wentworth Ruschenberger of Strafford, Pennsylvania, the famous "Liberty Bell" float was brought from Philadelphia for the parade. Mrs. Ruschenberger is a sister of Mrs. Martha Wentworth Suffren, our Vice-Chairman.*

### THE WAITING WOMEN.

The State of New York at this time occupies a most unenviable place in the public regard. Scandal after scandal has heaped on that State such disgrace that the commonwealth is subject alike to the pity and the execration of other localities less cursed by political gangs.

The entire situation in New York can be directly traced to the corruption of the electorate. It is not merely the corruption of money; it is the corruption of ideals. Dishonest, unscrupulous men have seized the machinery of the government because the standard of honesty and of morality in that commonwealth among men voters has sunk. Entrenched in power machine politicians dictate to clean and worthy men who tremble and obey. They dictate to unclean and unworthy men who stand together for mutual protection. Protection of vice and intimidation of virtue have formed an invincible combination in New York.

In such an emergency well might New York cry out for an infusion of new blood into the body politic that it might be restored to health against this disease of political corruption. If the State could only import 1,000,000 untrammeled voters who had never cringed to the party leader's whip; who were not beholden in their businesses and professions; in their goings and comings to that agency which builds on vice and force.

There is in New York to-day such an army of potential voters. They are women. Women with the highest ideals; women unfettered to gang or machine; women whose ballots could go forth from the home to save the home and the State. They stand and wait.

It is often erroneously said that votes for women would forge a bond to the rule of women—that men would make with their own hands a chain of slavery, but if New York to-day can find any freedom so great as that she would enjoy under the unbought and unmenaced votes of women we do not know where that freedom is.

[*Editorial Nevada State Journal.*]

"THE women have always had a logical case, and they have now got behind them a great popular demand among women."—WINSTON CHURCHILL.

# THE STATE CONVENTION

FOR the first time in the history of the State Association, New York is in campaign and this fact created a feeling of deep responsibility and intensity of enthusiasm at the Forty-fifth Annual Convention in Binghamton, from the fourteenth to the seventeenth of October. In a State as large as New York, with varying problems of local suffrage work, it was to be expected that delegates would differ as to the methods, but upon the certainty of victory in 1915 they were absolutely united.

Never have such crowds been seen on the streets of Binghamton except on election night as those which turned out to see the suffrage parade on Tuesday evening, October fourteenth. Judging from the applause which greeted the divisions as they passed in review, and the attention and numbers that listened to the speakers, Binghamton is in a mood to accept woman suffrage.

Battery B of Binghamton formed an honorary escort, followed by a division of horsewomen, wearing costumes of white and yellow, accompanied by a group of horsemen. Miss Harriet May Mills came next, in cap and gown, leading the New York State delegation. Conspicuous among the county groups were the Westchester, Erie, Monroe and Tompkins divisions. Ontario County carried three banners, one of which was the Anna Fitzhugh Miller Club banner.

Ontario County also had a decorative car in the parade. After the New York State division marched the New York City delegation. There was also a division which carried banners inscribed with "Vote for Assembly Districts." This referred to convention business. Four children, carrying banners almost as large as themselves announcing, "Father can vote, why not mother?" attracted considerable attention. The Binghamton division swung into line draped in yellow costumes, with hoods attached. Mrs. George Topliffe, President of the Association, marched alone at the head of the group.

Decorated automobiles, one of which was occupied by Mrs. H. W. Cannon, Assembly District leader of Delaware County, and her delegates, intersected the parade. The men's division received a full share of applause and was an impressive example to the citizens of Binghamton.

The parade disbanded at the church where a great mass meeting was held addressed by Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt. Street meetings were held along the line of march, under the direction of Miss Florence Roberts. The great success of the parade was due in large measure to the work of Mrs. Gitchell, who was in charge.

SUFFRAGISTS began pouring into Binghamton on Monday and several informal sessions were held before the convention was officially opened by Miss Mills, on Tuesday afternoon, in the Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church. The feature of the afternoon was Miss Mills' report of the year's work, parts of which, having previously appeared in THE NEWSLETTER, are omitted.

**MISS HARRIET MAY MILLS**
**Our Devoted Ex-President**

### REPORT OF THE STATE PRESIDENT.

THE past year has been a signal one in suffrage annals. To gain four States and a Territory within a twelve month is unprecedented. Nor is old New York ashamed of its gains since November 1, 1912. For did we not carry the Legislature by the biggest vote ever given in our State for a full suffrage amendment? And that, too, in January, less than one month after the Legislature convened.

The year has seen also marked increase in the membership both of paid and unpaid members—from 4,256 to 4,800, and an enrolled membership of over 4,000. A week before the books closed it looked as though our numbers would fall below the mark of 1912. But the procrastinating local treasurers began to wake up. It was like watching election returns to see the totals grow. When they exceeded 4,200, we breathed more freely, and when they reached 4,800 we were jubilant. If you realized what every paid member meant to the Association you would never cease to secure them.

### ORGANIZATION.

AT the State Convention of 1913 several radical changes in our plan of work were made. One was in regard to the Assembly District plan of *organization*. The number of non-dues-paying members required for auxiliaryship was reduced from 1,000 to 300 for each district. It was resolved to push this form of organization more aggressively. For this purpose a special fund of about $3,000 was raised. Later the Official Board appointed Mrs. Arthur L. Livermore as chairman of the Assembly District Com-

mittee, who later added as the other members nine representatives from the judicial districts. The fund, put at Mrs. Livermore's disposal, was used in sending out organizers, leaflets, and literature. Whenever there was a demand for club organization it has been our policy to give people this form.

Some question has arisen as to the relation of the clubs to the Assembly Districts. So far as I know there has been little friction on either side. In many instances the clubs have undertaken the Assembly District work, supplying the funds and canvassers. It seemed to be the opinion of the convention last year that the two forms of organization were compatible and could go amicably hand in hand. The more freedom of choice we give the more service we can command. *You* may be convinced that there is but *one* road to success. Others are as sure there are two or even three roads. The difficulty of fitting all suffragists into one mold but illustrates the inherent differences in human nature. One woman loves to canvass and can enroll hundreds of names. Another will have none of that form of work. But she is willing to arrange meetings and prefers to pay dues to ease her conscience. Some of us forget that the State is *not yet educated* to woman suffrage. Almost every experienced worker knows of many a town which has resisted all efforts of organizers and distinguished speakers. When at last it yields it often wants a club where the members may learn the reasons for their faith.

Don't be impatient with the beginner or the learner who has not mastered what seems to you easy. Toleration and sympathy are needed in the suffrage work. They are more essential to its success than any name or form of organization.

FIELD WORK of all kinds has been prosecuted continuously. There has not been a single week when several organizers and speakers were not at work. Our force has numbered more than twenty-two, including paid and volunteer workers. Mrs. Gertrude Nelson Andrews conducted a class in public speaking and lectured in Broome, Tioga, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Onondaga, Jefferson, St. Lawrence and Franklin counties. Her methods roused enthusiasm and fresh interest everywhere. She consented to represent the State Association at Chautauqua and addressed a large audience there. On the following day Miss Chittenden spoke. An incident which based upon the contention of the opposition that the majority of women do not want the vote, happened on this occasion. Mrs. Andrews and Mrs. Burrows called a meeting of suffragists at Mrs. Burrows' cottage. So many came that it was necessary to adjourn to a hall. The next day Miss Chittenden invited her sympathizers to meet. But five came, two of those being Mrs. Burrows and Mrs. Andrews.

The visible results of organization work are five new counties admitted through clubs or Assembly Districts—Greene, Jefferson, Lewis, Montgomery and Yates. Of local clubs there are eighteen new ones with fewer losses than ever before and there are seventy Assembly Districts. All of these outside of Greater New York have been formed this year.

NOT so much of my own time has been given to field work as in previous years. The rapid growth of our membership has made it more imperative for me to be at headquarters to consult with organizers and workers from all parts of the State. It has also made it necessary to devote much time to the raising of funds.

I have, however, spoken in over twenty counties at fairs, debates, parlor and hall meetings and have turned into the treasury about $200 by this means. My services as a speaker have been freely and gladly given to the State Society during my three years as president. I ask for my successor a little more consideration from some of the clubs who can afford to meet the expenses of any speaker. To those who cannot, the case is different. We must give to the struggling societies all possible help. But the strong, well organized ones should pay the State Association when an officer speaks, just as they pay individuals. This brings me to the burning question of finances.

### FINANCE.

EARLY in the winter Mrs. Ivins resigned as Treasurer. Her work was most systematic and effective, and her loss involved added burdens for some of the rest of us. Mrs. Maud Ingersoll Probasco kindly consented to fill the vacancy on the board with the understanding that we should continue to employ an Assistant Treasurer at Headquarters. Mrs. Sherwood, who filled the position under Mrs. Ivins, removed to California in July. Mrs. M. D. Jannaris helped us for a couple of months until we were able to secure Miss Jane Olcott, who is at present Assistant Treasurer and Headquarters Secretary.

Our one sure source of income is the auxiliary dues, amounting to $800 after national dues are deducted. Contributions and entertainments must supply the real sinews of war.

Two large and successful entertainments have netted over $3,000. The one that was all our own was *Anthony Day,* which was celebrated this year by a tea and reception at the Astor Hotel. The other was the Metropolitan Opera House pageant, in which we had the honor of being one-seventh. At Mrs. Ivins' suggestion the usual Fair, with its attendant drudgeries, was omitted. In its place ten dollar contributions were solicited and over $2,200 was raised.

### LEGISLATIVE WORK.

ON the first day of January, eight representatives of the seven associations of the Co-operating Committee went to Albany. The form of bill finally accepted by our committee was the result of many conferences with lawyers and legislators. It provided that women acquiring citizenship by marriage only must have resided in the State five years before voting.

In company with Mrs. Belmont, I had interviewed Senator Wagner and begged him as leader of the Senate to introduce the bill. He had agreed to be responsible for its introduction. At Albany, Miss Hay and I saw him again. He evidently was inclined to be our introducer, although he said he should preface his action by the statement that he did not personally believe in woman suffrage. The gentleman kept his word. On the first night as we sat in the Senate gallery and heard Senator Wagner present the bill, we realized anew the marvelous progress of our cause and the power of political party endorsement. But for the resolutions favoring submission and passed by the State Republican and Democratic Conventions we could not have met with such success in the Legislature. What a contrast to the weary months of working and waiting in 1910, when the vote was not taken until July the 12th. Now our bill was number 5 in the Senate. The Hon. A. J. Levy, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, presented the bill in the Assembly. This year there was a great deal of amending of the bill in committee; the Senate struck out the naturalization clause; the Republican members of the Assembly wanted it in.

The Senate finally restored the naturalization clause and passed it on the 23d of January by a vote of 40 to 2, Senators McCue and Frawley of New York voting in the negative.

The Assembly had on the 20th passed the bill without the naturalization clause, twice defeating a proposition to add to it. But on the 27th, four days later than the Senate action, the amended Senate bill was carried in the Assembly by a vote of 128 to 5. The five negatives were Greenburg of New York, Patrie

of Greene, Rozan of Erie, Jones of Jefferson and Yeomans of Wayne.

Later in the session the McClelland bill, providing for a special election June the 3d on the question of holding a Constitutional Convention in 1914, passed the Legislature. It was vetoed by the Governor on the grounds that it would cost a million dollars to hold such an election and that there was not time for the voters to inform themselves concerning the special questions to be considered by such a convention.

### THE NEWSLETTER.

ANOTHER change in the form of work was the abandoning in February, 1913, of our official organ, which for twelve years had been the medium of communication between our workers throughout the State. By a contract with THE WOMAN VOTER we were given four pages for State news, we in turn handing over our advertisements and subscription list to the VOTER. Inevitably there have been disappointments on both sides. New York City news and suffrage essays have not appealed to the up-State women. The cutting down of our space to three pages through the summer has been embarrassing. On the other hand, the VOTER regrets that its subscription list has not grown larger and finds its New York City readers are bored with State news. It is difficult to suit such conflicting tastes by one paper. With a campaign on it seems also essential that frequent bulletins of our activities should reach all workers in the State. A single sheet sent out weekly might be more helpful at this time than detailed State reports.

Excellent volunteer press work has been done by Miss Sara J. Russell, who generously offered her services to the association. We wish also to acknowledge the service to the cause which Mrs. Anna C. Etz of Hornell has rendered by her weekly articles in many papers of the State.

### CO-OPERATION.

CO-OPERATION has been writ large in our vocabulary. Not to disintegrate any organization, not to discourage any worker, but to recognize the likeness in difference and to march on together. The bonds between the State and the Woman Suffrage Party are closer than ever before. The relations between the State and the College League, the Men's League and the Equal Franchise are cordial and mutually helpful. What can separate those who are sincerely working for one common end? He who would save his life shall lose it, and be but as one unit in the great army which is marching on to liberty.

One statement no one who knows the work of the past year can deny—that however inadequate, it has been commensurate with the tools at our command. Money and workers are never equal to the need. But with a budget of $12,000 we have sent workers into every county of the State but three, a force of more than twenty having been actively engaged at different times either as paid or unpaid organizers and speakers: we have maintained headquarters with two paid clerks, have carried on press and legislative work, supplied literature and speakers for county and State fairs, joined the three parades, and built up a stronger organization for the future, always with a view to victory in 1915.

After Miss Mills finished reading her report she made it quite clear to those present that she did not desire, neither would she accept the leadership of the State Association again under any circumstances. She was deeply affected as she bade the delegates award her diploma and seek a new leader. She has worked faithfully and well for twenty-one years and the members of the Association expressed deep regret at her decision and heartfelt appreciation of her devoted service.

THERE was much important business transacted during the Convention, but the election of officers, amending the Constitution and planning the campaign were by far the most important matters of consideration.

The question of proposed changes in the Constitution was of great interest, for some favored representation in the State Association through the old plan of clubs, while others desired representation by Assembly Districts. Since State Conventions are democratic affairs the problem was threshed out thoroughly. In the end the county organizations were merged with Assembly District organizations and became auxiliary to the State and through Assembly District instead of County organization.

Mrs. Catt made the following explanation of the new plan of work:

"Our object is to make a political power behind the men who sit in our Legislatures. When we can go to our representatives and show them several thousand names of suffragists in their constituencies, it counts. You know what happened to the representative last year who said, "Nobody wants it in my district." The next morning the women sent him the names of seven thousand enrolled suffragists in his district.

Again we are in this fight to win. If we lose in 1915 we'll keep it up if it takes a thousand years. Let us look ahead, then. After 1915 what? A Constitutional Convention, with delegates elected by the same constituencies. We have them already organized. If that fails, our next move is for a Federal amendment. Again we need the same organized constituency. The next chance is in an actual Constitutional Convention, with delegates sent by the same voters. You see, we are organized against any emergency.

As for the local clubs, there seems to be a misunderstanding about their status in the Assembly District. They remain just as they are, with the same presidents and the same kind of work. The only difference is that they pay dues to their Assembly District rather than to the State Association.

Representation in the State Convention will be based upon Assembly District membership only. The aristocracy of money ceases, and the price of admission is work and service."

It was the unanimous desire of the Convention that Mrs. Catt accept the position of Chairman of the Campaign Committee. Mrs. Catt replied that she could neither accept nor decline such an invitation until it had been tendered by other organizations which together with the State Association would consider the advisability of forming a campaign committee.

Mrs. Catt recommended that the State be divided into nine campaign districts, each led by a local chairman, who should serve on the Campaign Committee with the presidents of the co-operating suffrage organizations. The chairman of each district would then establish local headquarters, direct the sub-campaign centers in her area and be entirely responsible for the suffrage conditions in her district. Thus the campaign could be made from a series of radiating centers throughout the entire State, with a central office in New York City to unite and supervise the entire effort. This plan was adopted and will be operative whether the State Association conducts its own campaign or unites with other organizations to form a campaign committee.

**MRS. RAYMOND GRANT BROWN**
**Our New State President**

DURING the Convention there were a series of brilliant evening meetings.

Mr. James Lees Laidlaw made a plea for Men's Leagues, and gave an amusing account of the first woman suffrage parade, when a little group of one hundred men marched down Fifth Avenue, through a shriek of derision which lasted the whole way. He compared that experience with the last parade in New York when thousands marched through lines of dignified silence or applause. "Men's Leagues are good for something," he said, "if only you march up the street to break down prejudice."

Mrs. Seward A. Simons of Los Angeles told a large audience what women were doing with the vote in California; Miss Leonora O'Reilly spoke for the wage-earners; Reverend Anna Howard Shaw told what suffragists stood for and defined the Antis as "birds of ill omen that can see only evil." Other speakers were Honorable John J. Irving, Mayor of Binghamton; Mrs. George Topliffe, Mrs. Henry Villard, the Honorable George E. Green, Mrs. Margaret Chanler Aldrich and Mrs. Catt.

During the Convention the sum of $10 000 was pledged for the work, a sum more generous than that raised at any other State Convention.

The following officers were elected by the Convention: President, Mrs. Raymond Grant Brown, of New York City; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Nicholas Shaw Fraser; Treasurer, Mrs. H. W. Cannon; Board of Directors, Miss Harriet May Mills, Mrs. Arthur L. Livermore, Mrs. Helen Abbott, Mrs. Dexter P. Rumsey, Mrs. George W. Topliffe.

At the last evening meeting Mrs. Brown made a strong address, emphasizing the great purpose which is back of the struggle for women's enfranchisement. Miss Mills, who was Chairman of the evening, introduced the new officers to the Convention and thanked the Binghamton Suffrage Club for their hospitality and their interesting efforts, which helped so greatly in making the Convention the great success that it was.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW PRESIDENT.

*To the Members and Workers of the New York State Woman Suffrage Association:*

WE are opening the last two years' campaign before the suffrage amendment goes to the voters in 1915, with a State Association stronger and more united than it has ever been before in its history. The State comprises now, not only all the clubs and organizations of the old State organization, but it includes the Woman Suffrage Party of Greater New York with its 63 splendidly organized Assembly Districts, and the other 87 Assembly Districts of the State.

The adoption of the amendments to the Constitution is simply a crystallization of the work which was begun some time ago, to complete the organization of the State under the political plan of the Assembly Districts, with an Assembly District leader responsible for the work in the Assembly District. There was never a question of abandoning the clubs; the only change was in making them come into the State through the Assembly District instead of through their county organization. We need the clubs, large and small. Without them the Assembly District organization, especially in the country, is very difficult. So build up your clubs, make them in every possible way a live factor in the work of your district.

We can't have too much suffrage activity. There is room everywhere for both the spectacular and the more conservative work; as long as it is efficient we welcome it in the suffrage field. We will be glad to cooperate with any and every effort that makes for victory in 1915.

The Convention was an inspiring one. There were nearly 200 women, all of them brimful of courage and energy, initiative and hope; all of them ready to accept responsibility and pledged to give their last ounce of effort—and money—to the suffrage cause. With such enthusiasm and support we are bound to win in 1915.

The whole State is to be congratulated that Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt has pledged herself to the constant service of the campaign for the next two years. We are fortunate also to be able to persuade Miss Harriet May Mills, the retiring President, to act on the Board of Directors. With her great knowledge of the State work, the fresh enthusiasm of the new Board of Directors, with Mrs. Livermore as Chairman of the Assembly District organization, and with the cooperation of Mrs. Catt, we are in a position to put up the biggest fight we have ever made.

Our need of workers and money is greater than ever before; we must have organizers in every county. The campaign must be State-wide. We need the active interest and support of every believer in the suffrage cause. The time has come when *believing* is not enough. Especially do we need money. The anti-suffragists are concentrating their energies to defeat the amendment in New York State. We are also the keynote to the situation in the national struggle.

The new President and the Board of Directors promise their best and most loyal service to our cause, and in return we ask all suffragists to give not only their influence and belief, but money and service, to the best of their ability.

**GERTRUDE FOSTER BROWN.**

# ASSEMBLY DISTRICT NOTES

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## MANHATTAN

**1st Assembly District.**

The work of the district for the past month has been to give instruction in geography once a week in City Hall Park. The course has been limited to the United States and by means of the Suffrage Map in color, information has been conveyed as to where States stand in full light of freedom, where twilight of varying degree prevails and where the benighted sit in utter darkness. The sale of the VOTER has been vigorously carried on.

**2d Assembly District.**

The work of education in the Second Assembly District has been a continuance of street meetings always in season. Seven of these meetings are reported for the past month.

**3d Assembly District.**

Fourth avenue and Fourteenth street has witnessed three street meetings during the month at which eloquent young speakers presented the "cause" with good results.

**4th Assembly District.**

Two street meetings are reported from this district during the month. There has also been a novel parade in which the banners of all the nationalities represented in the district have been carried in Indian file through the streets. If they have not represented "every tribe and nation" they have come pretty near it.

**6th Assembly District.**

Under Mrs. Esther Lerner's leadership the good work in the district has gone on uninterruptedly. Four street meetings have been held, but the number of personal interviews and direct appeals to voters have been like the articles in an auctioneer's catalogue, "too numerous to mention."

**12th Assembly District.**

A meeting of the district was held at the home of the leader, Mrs. J. Frederic Gillette, on the evening of October 24, to discuss ways and means of carrying on the winter's work. The chief speaker of the evening was Mrs. Francis Huber.

**13th Assembly District.**

The district held a successful street meeting Thursday, October 16, at which the speakers were Miss Page and Senator Stacy.

**14th Assembly District.**

The 14th Assembly District resumed work, which had been discontinued for the last two months, with a business meeting at the home of the leader, Miss M. E. McOuat, 331 East 31st street, on the evening of October 17. Arrangements were made for two street meetings a week, to be held up to the time of election. The meetings for the first week, on October 23 and October 25, were held at Lexington avenue and 30th street.

**15th Assembly District.**

During the last month, as in the three perceeding months, the 15th Assembly District has held outdoor meetings Tuesday nights at 84th street and Broadway, and Saturday nights at 86th street and Broadway. We have had two and three speakers at each meeting. The speakers have been recruited from the district. The special feature of the meetings is the asking and answering of questions. We find the district very much alive to suffrage. We have taken during the summer 750 enrollments. As the weather gets cold we have planned for suffrage meetings in the school houses and if possible in some of the churches. We have also planned for three combination teas and fairs in as many months.

**19th Assembly District.**

An Executive Board meeting was held on October 7 at the home of the leader, Miss Sterling, 195 Claremont Avenue, and by unanimous vote the district joined the State Suffrage Association. Mrs. J. Wells Wentworth was chosen delegate and ably represented the district at the Binghamton Convention. Plans are under consideration for active work during the winter, and for a course of lessons for future citizens through the medium of the district club. Street meetings will continue during the month unless cold weather calls a halt.

**21st Assembly District.**

The 21st Assembly District called a special meeting for Monday, September 22, which was held at the residence of Mrs. Thompson, at 552 West 141st Street, to elect a delegate to the Convention to be held at Binghamton, N. Y., in October. There was a very good attendance and Mrs. Gardner Hirons, leader, was chosen to represent the district. On Monday, October 6, the regular monthly meeting took place at the residence of the vice-leader, Mrs. Wm. Valet. Arrangements were made for the 'cello recital which was held on the 24th, at the home of Miss Esther Frances Gaffney, 604 Riverside Drive, at 8:30 P. M. Names were taken of those intending to march in the parade at Newark, N. J., on the 25th, also those joining the Brooklyn parade of the Woman Suffrage Party on November 1.

There has been another Suffrage Society founded by Miss Marguerite Cecilia Gaffney as president and Mrs. John Crosby, honorary president, called the International Non-Partisan Suffrage League, meeting semi-weekly, combining both suffrage addresses and music on each occasion. The Misses Gaffney have been attending of late several meetings of the 21st Assembly District.

**22d Assembly District.**

On the afternoon of September 30, the Woman Suffrage Party advertised its cause in a most spectacular manner in the 22d Assembly District. In olden times it was the custom for the victor to announce success in a gorgeous chariot. In our up-to-date, bloodless warfare for good, i. e., equal government, we employ the modernized chariot, the automobile, before the hoped-for victory. The car was decked with masses of golden rod, the brilliant yellow of the national flower happily being our party's chosen hue. In the automobile was the gifted chairman of Manhattan Borough, accompanied by several earnest workers, and the leader of the district, Mrs. Otto Hahn. Naturally, the gaily decked auto, with its silken suffrage flag and yellow district banner, attracted the not always complimentary attentions of the boisterous small boy and his sister; but at the various corners designated for speaking, the uniformed representatives of the power of the law maintained order, as the serious speakers in turn told in forceful words how much good would result to all if woman were allowed to express herself politically. At five different corners,

the women spoke most eloquently to crowds of interested listeners, distributed literature and secured enrollments. Long will the 22d remember the decorated auto and the stirring addresses of the speakers in the ante—not anti—triumphal car. The thanks of the district are tendered to the Borough chairman, Mrs. James Lees Laidlaw.

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**23d Assembly District.**

Mrs. Ogan as acting leader of the 23d Assembly District, during the illness and absence of the leader, Mrs. O'Sullivan, has made things hum in the district. On an average five meetings a week have been held. Mrs. Ogan secured the most eminent speakers for her meetings. Immense crowds gathered, a great number of THE VOTERS were sold and hundreds of enrollments secured.

Others holding meetings and doing good work in the district were Mrs. Whitney, Mrs. Hutton, Mrs. Waterman, Mrs. Minson, Mrs. Mann, Dr. Lillian Craig Randall and others.

Street meetings will be continued during this month, as long as the weather permits.

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**25th Assembly District.**

Canvassing of the district has been begun by a paid worker and the fundamental organization ground work is being strengthened. Old captains are becoming more active, and many new assistants are being added. The district was represented at the State Convention in Binghamton by its treasurer, Miss Fanny M. Lawson.

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**27th Assembly District.**

A very significant straw indicating the direction of the political wind is that the Republican Club of this district has opened its rooms for the use of the suffrage organization *before* election. Hitherto the welcome was confined to late spring or out of season time generally. This year things are different. Accordingly the Suffrage Party of the district met at Republican headquarters, 817 Sixth Avenue, on October 23d, when a lively debate was held, Mrs. W. Holden Weeks taking the suffrage side of the argument, and Mrs. Grace D. Goodwin presenting the "anti" view.

Thursday has been chosen as "District Day" at Party Headquarters, and every Thursday Mrs. Weeks will keep office hours from 2 to 5 P. M. and members of the district are urged to drop in. Street meetings will be continued at 45th Street and Broadway on Monday evenings as long as weather permits.

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**29th Assembly District.**

At our first meeting of the year, October 6, we had the great pleasure of electing Mrs. James Lees Laidlaw, our delegate to the State Convention, where she has honored us by her magnificent campaign contribution of $2,500.

We took part in the suffrage division of the carnival parade in Queens on October 13, to help our esteemed friend, Mrs. Eno. The 29th Assembly District was represented by a good-sized delegation, comprising one-third of the suffrage divisions of the parade. We brought over three speakers and carried on a street meeting which lasted all evening and attracted an immense crowd. We were very much impressed by the respectful behavior of this carnival crowd.

At our next meeting of the Good Government Club, which will be on Wednesday, October 22, at the Hotel Plaza, we have extended an invitation to the press women of New York to attend and speak to us on "How to Secure Desirable Publicity for Suffrage in the Coming Suffrage Campaign." A committee of the club will entertain the press after the meeting at tea.

At the next meeting of the district organization, Monday, November 2, at 627 Madison Avenue, we will conduct a prize contest. The prize, a beautiful chrysanthemum vase, donated by Mrs. E. Gedney, will be given for the best answer to any suffrage questions asked at the meeting. This contest is open to all, and we shall be glad to welcome any suffragist, especially those who are studying suffrage speaking, as it gives them practice in saying things effectively.

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## BROOKLYN

**3d Assembly District.**

The 3d Assembly District held the first meeting of the season at the home of the leader, Mrs. Charles H. Winslow, on October 9. It was voted that the district join the State organization at once. A motion to change the meeting day from the third Thursday to the last Monday in each month was also unanimously carried. Much interest in the coming parade in Brooklyn was displayed and plans for further work discussed. Mrs. Stonehill was appointed chairman of the parade committee and Miss Louisa Colwell marshal. The second meeting of the month was held on Monday evening, the 27th inst., at the residence of Mrs. Andrew J. Perry, 30 First Place.

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**10th Assembly District.**

The 10th Assembly District Club of the Woman Suffrage Party has held street meetings every Wednesday evening as planned, except twice, when prevented by heavy rain storms. The meetings have drawn good audiences and the speakers have been listened to with attention and questions asked. Rainbow literature has been distributed and a collection taken. The speakers have been Mrs. Waters and Mrs. Reinhardt of Manhattan, and Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Dowd, Mrs. Orr and Mrs. Rodriguez of Brooklyn. Meetings were held at Washington Park, September 23d, and at Flatbush and Seventh Avenues, October 11th.

The Woman's Suffrage Clubs of the 10th and 18th Assembly Districts united in holding a rummage sale Thursday, October 9th and 18th, at the Social Center, 529 Vanderbilt Avenue. Quite a large sum of money was turned over to the treasurers of the two clubs by the committee having charge of the sale.

Members of the club have also helped at Miss Ward's meetings at Bond and Fulton streets afternoons. Enrollments for the party and pledges to march in the parade have always been at hand.

For the fall and winter plans are being made to have a study class and also to have speakers before as many church and other clubs as possible.

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**11th Assembly District.**

At our executive meeting in September it was decided to hold the regular monthly business meeting on the first Tuesday evening of each month at 8:15, at 202 Lefferts Place. The officers, captains, workers and those willing to become workers are urged to attend.

On the second Tuesday of each month a special social meeting with a speaker will be held in some one of the different election districts. The special meeting for November will be at the home of Mrs. Warren Simmons, 216 St. James Place, on Tuesday, the 11th, at 8:15 P. M. Miss Eva Ward will be the speaker.

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**16th Assembly District.**

Activities of the workers in the 16th Assembly District this month included a public card party and an amateur theatrical and musical entertainment, both of which were attended with unusual success. The card party was given in the home of the White House Democratic Club at Church and Chester Avenue, Saturday evening, October 4. It was attended by Republican candidates for Assembly, the Democratic candidate for Alderman, also the Progressive candidate for that office, and the Democratic and Progressive leaders. Many members of the club were present with their wives. The Woman Suffrage Party was represented by the district leader, Mrs. Marguerite Krecker, and Mrs. Ellen G. Lloyd, second vice-leader. Mrs. Mary M. Lilly of Manhattan made a suffrage speech.

The theatrical entertainment was given in St. Brendan's Hall, Avenue O and East 13th Street, Saturday evening, October 14th. "Tit for Tat" was presented by Mrs. Emory Brown, Mrs. Mary M. Lilly and Mrs. Marguerite Krecker, and Mrs. Mary S. Conway furnished the musical talent. About 300 persons enjoyed the entertainment.

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**18th Assembly District.**

A meeting of the First Club of the district was held at the home of the president Mrs. Harriet Comstock, 415 East 18th Street, on Wednesday afternoon, September 17th. The fall and winter work was mapped out.

A meeting of the Second Club of the district, of which Mrs. Richard Chapman is president, was held at the home of the secretary, Miss Helen Winchester, 1054 Sterling Place, on September 29th. The mite boxes that had been given out were to have been opened. Only half were brought in, but their contents amounted to $30. A rummage sale was held two afternoons at the corner of Vanderbilt and Atlantic Avenues. Miss Major was chairman of the committee. The net proceeds from this sale were $51.50. Street meetings are held every Tuesday evening under the management of the Second Club, Mrs. Dowd, chairman.

Tuesday evening Mrs. Chapman and six of her club members attended the meeting of the Board of Trade of the 28th Ward. Mrs. Chapman and Mrs. Powers, both being property owners, applied for membership. They were duly voted in. When the Board realized what they had done, viz., voted two women as members, they rescinded their act on the ground of sex. The women's position was ably defended by members who contended that there was nothing in their constitution which prohibited the women from becoming members. Mr. Chapman had also applied for membership, but refused to join the Board unless his wife could become a member. The matter was referred to a committee.

An executive meeting of the district was held at the home of the leader, Mrs. Frank C. Baker, on Friday afternoon, October 10th. It was decided that the Fourth Club, which is in embryo, would be formed immediately after the parade. The clubs voted certain sums for the support of the district. Mrs. Harriet Comstock and Mrs. Wheeler were appointed a committee to visit the church clubs.

On the evening of the 14th, a lecture was given at the home of Mrs. Frank C. Baker, 480 East 19th Street. Mrs. Emily Bishop was the speaker, her subject being "Senate Scenes." There were 200 present and all were most delightfully entertained by the unique form of presenting suffrage arguments. The leader presided at this meeting. Other speakers were Mrs. Comstock, Mrs. Rees, Mr. Josephs, Mr. Robert Baker, Rev. Dr. Long and Mrs. Cranford. A silver collection was taken and a number of signatures secured for the parade. The Third Club of the district was obliged to postpone its meeting on Tuesday evening, owing to the lecture at Mrs. Baker's home.

**21st Assembly District.**

The awakening of this district is at last taking place. During the summer months several meetings were held at Graham Avenue and Varet Street. These were in charge of Miss Regina Elkin and were addressed by Mr. Fleisher and Miss Martha Klatschken. The attendance at these meetings was very large and a great deal of literature was distributed. In the past week, splendid work has been done by Mrs. Julia Reinhardt, who has addressed very large gatherings every day at Graham Avenue and Broadway. So forceful and logical a speaker is Mrs. Reinhardt that she commands the respect and attention of her audiences. The district cannot be too thankful to Mrs. Jacques Loewe, vice-leader, for the use of her automobile for propaganda work. Mrs. L. Blum, the Misses Hirschliefer, Tismon and Loewe are faithful workers.

A meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Maxwell S. Joffe, leader, at which plans were made to continue open air meetings each day to cover each election district, until the parade. Beginning with Monday, October 27th, and continuing each day until the parade, this district is to have a booth at the H. Batterman Co. store. We expect to do a great deal of propaganda work during that last week, and to repeat the success of last spring, when Battermans were kind enough to let us have a booth.

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**22d Assembly District.**

The leader of the district, Mrs. Sarah Doughty, has conducted four outdoor meetings with excellent results—good audiences, many membership enrollments and pledges to march in the parade of November 1st. Plans for the winter have been made and the district will maintain its record of good work.

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**BAYSIDE SUFFRAGE CLUB.**

At the regular monthly meeting of the Bayside Suffrage Club, held October 15th, at the residence of Mrs. H. W. Medicus, an election of officers for the ensuing year resulted in the choice of Mrs. Arthur Knapp, president; Mrs. John Dayton, vice-president; Mrs. A. A. Greiner, secretary, and Mrs. J. Strelle, treasurer. This month's meeting will be held at the residence of Mrs. Story, Montauk Avenue.

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## RICHMOND

Staten Island suffragists are learning how to reach the people in the country districts, taking to them the knowledge of suffrage of which they cannot go in search. Strung along the main roads of Staten Island, like beads upon a string, are a series of villages, a little larger than the "corners" of a less thickly settled locality, but still, since consolidation, a part of Greater New York. In these towns a few years since, before the days of Rapid Transit trains and Municipal Ferryboats, there were old people who had never been to New York proper, who just existed and passed their days in a monotonous round of farming and of chores. Into these peaceful, rural districts, there has rolled on each October Saturday afternoon an automobile carrying yellow pennants and draped in yellow cheesecloth. The occupants of the car, six enterprising women, wore yellow sashes and buttons and carried rolls of yellow leaflets in their hands.

The inevitable and eager little boy appeared and then a companion or two, who watched the putting up of the Richmond banner of the Woman Suffrage Party, and expressed their joy over this new and unexpected excitement by howls and cries of "Suffering-cats."

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# CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

### SUFFRAGE THANKSGIVING IN CARNEGIE HALL.

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### NOVEMBER CALENDAR.

**Nov. 1st.**—Great Parade in Brooklyn. Woman Suffrage Party meets at Bedford Avenue and Dean Street, 2.30 P. M.

**Nov. 1st.**—Mass Meeting, Baptist Temple, 3rd Avenue and Schermerhorn Street, 5 P. M. Tickets 25 and 50 cents, Parade Headquarters, 27 Lafayette Avenue. Speakers, Honorable William Prendergast, Rev. Anna Howard Shaw, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt.

**Nov. 2d.**—Queens, 3rd Assembly District Headquarters, Times Building, Ridgewood. Men's League Meeting, 8 P. M.

Manhattan, 29th Assembly District. District meeting, 627 Madison Avenue, 8 P. M. Prize given for best answer to any suffrage questions asked.

**Nov. 3d.**—Manhattan, 18th Assembly District. Meeting at 72d Street and First Avenue, 8 P. M. Speakers, Margaret Hinchey and Martha Klatschken.

Manhattan, 21st Assembly District. Regular meting at residence of Miss Clark, 603 W. 139th Street. 8 P. M.

Manhattan, 25th Assembly District. Regular monthly captain's meeting, Woman Suffrage Party Headquarters. 8 P. M.

Manhattan, 27th Assembly District. Street meeting, Broadway and 45th Street. 8:30 P. M.

**Nov. 4th.**—Manhattan, 23d Assembly District. Street meeting, Broadway and 157th Street. 8:15 P. M.

Brooklyn, 11th Assembly District, Executive meeting for captains, officers and workers, at 202 Lefferts Place. 8:15 P. M.

**Nov. 5th.**—Manhattan, 21st Assembly District. Street meeting, 137th Street and Broadway. 8 P. M.

Brooklyn, 9th Assembly District. Exempt Firemen's Hall, 69th Street near Third Avenue, 8 P. M. Speaker, Miss Dorothy Dix.

**Nov. 6th.**—Manhattan, 27th Assembly District. Executive meeting. 1 P. M.

Queens, 4th Assembly District. League Building, Flushing, 3:30 P. M. Regular meeting of Equal Franchise Society.

**Nov. 7th.**—Manhattan, 23d Assembly District. Street meeting, Broadway and 145th Street. 8:15 P. M.

**Nov. 8th.**—Richmond. Street meeting, Pleasant Plains, 3 P. M.; Princess Bay, 4 P. M.; Great Kills, 5 P. M.

**Nov. 10th.**—Manhattan, 12th Assembly District, Business meeting, 226 E. 16th Street, 8 P. M. Report of summer activities. by Miss Klatschkin.

Manhattan, 27th Assembly District. Street meeting, Broadway and 45th Street. 8:30 P. M.

Manhattan, 23d Assembly District. Street meeting, St. Nicholas Avenue and 181st Street. 8:15 P. M.

Queens, 4th Assembly District. Open meeting, Queens Suffrage Club, home of Mrs. Conklin. 3 P. M.

**Nov. 11th.**—Manhattan, 23d Assembly District. Street meeting, Broadway and 157th Street. 8:15 P. M.

Brooklyn, 11th Assembly District. Public meeting at 216 St. James Place, 8:15 P. M. Speaker, Miss Eva Ward.

**Nov. 12th.**—Manhattan, 21st Assembly District. Street meeting, 139th Street and Seventh Avenue. 8 P. M.

Queens, 4th Assembly District. Bayside Suffrage Club, card party. Home of Mrs. McClellan, Douglaston, L. I. 3 P. M.

**Nov. 14th.**—Manhattan, 23d Assembly District. Street meeting, Broadway and 145th Street. 8:15 P. M.

**Nov. 15th.**—Richmond. Street meetings, Stapleton, Bay and Sands Streets, 3 P. M.; Broad and Bronell Streets, 4 P. M.; Bay and Water Streets, 5 P. M.

**Nov. 17th.**—Manhattan, 27th Assembly District. Street meeting, Broadway and 45th Street. 8:30 P. M.

Manhattan, 23d Assembly District. Street meeting, St. Nicholas avenue and 181st Street. 8:15 P. M.

**Nov. 18th.**—Manhattan, 18th Assembly District. Bohemian National Hall, 321 East 73d Street, 8 P. M. Debate on Woman Suffrage.

Manhattan, 23d Assembly District. Street meeting, Broadway and 157th Street. 8:15 P. M.

**Nov. 19th.**—Queens, 1st Assembly District. Public School Number 7, Van Hulst Avenue, Astoria. 4 P. M.

Queens, 4th Assembly District. Business meeting of Bayside Suffrage Club. 3 P. M.

Manhattan, 21st Assembly District. Street meeting, 137th Street and Broadway. 8 P. M.

Brooklyn, 9th Assembly District. Bay Ridge Suffrage Club, Exempt Firemen's Hall, 69th Street near Third Avenue, 8 P. M. Speaker, Mrs. Anna Ross Weeks.

**Nov. 20th.**—Queens, 3d Assembly District. 175 Soxall Street, Ridgewood. 3 P. M.

**Nov. 21st.**—Manhattan, 23d Assembly District. Street meeting, Broadway and 145th Street. 8:15 P. M.

**Nov. 22d.**—Richmond. Street meetings. Huguenot, 3 P. M.; Eltingville, 4 P. M.; New Dorp, 5 P. M.

**Nov. 24th.**—Manhattan, 27th Assembly District. Street meeting, Broadway and 45th Street. 8:30 P. M.

Manhattan, 23d Assembly District. Street meeting, St. Nicholas Avenue and 181st Street. 8:15 P. M.

**Nov. 26th.**—Manhattan, 18th Assembly District. Bohemian National Hall, 321 East 73d Street, 8 P. M. Concert and ball. One-act suffrage play, "Election Night," translated into Bohemian, will be presented. Mrs. Laidlaw will be the only speaker in English. Admission twenty-five and fifty cents.

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**Nov. 10th.**—Mrs. Frances Maule Björkman. "The Extent of Suffrage Over the World."

**Nov. 17th.**—Mrs. R. C. Talbot-Perkins, "Some Personal Experiences of a Woman Suffrage Worker."

**Nov. 24th.**—Mr. Alfred H. Brown, "Why Men Need Woman Suffrage."

**Dec. 1st.**—Miss Katherine Devereux Blake, "Education and the Woman's Vote."

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**Nov. 18th.**—"Some Important Facts that Every Woman Ought to Know." Speaker, Mrs. Ida Husted Harper. "How the Vote is Being Won." Speaker, Reverend Anna Howard Shaw. Hostess, Mrs. Victor Sorchan.

**Nov. 25th.**—Discussion, "Is Woman Suffrage a Privilege or an Inherent Right of Democracy?" Led by Mrs. Jessica G. Cosgrave. Hostess, Mrs. John Corbin.

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